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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thoughtful review of the present application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- a. **Claims 1-40 are Pending** in the present application.
- b. **Claim 1** has been amended for clarification.
- c. **Claims 13-29 and 35-40** are allowed.
- d. **Claims 1 and 7-12** are rejected.
- e. **Claims 2-6 and 30-34** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

No new matter has been added with this amendment.

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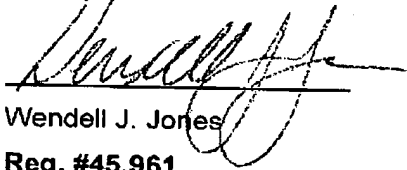
i. ARGUMENTa. Rejection of Claims 1 and 7-12 for double patenting

Applicant asserts that **Claim 1** has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of **Claim 2**. Therefore, the Examiner's double patenting rejection regarding **Claims 1 and 7-12** ought to now be withdrawn.

ii. CONCLUSION

Applicant now believes the present case to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,


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